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1. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0038637, published November 8, 2001.
2. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0131596, published September 19, 2002.
3. German Patent Application Publication No. 198 28 936, published December 2, 1999.
4. European Patent Application Publication No. 1 085 393, published March 21, 2001.

The above-listed documents were recently cited in a European Search Report, dated October 19, 2005, a copy of which is enclosed.

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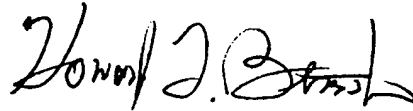
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